



PASTOR WORKER REPORT  
SUMMER 2023

CHINA



## A WORD FROM OUR CHINA MINISTRY MANAGER

China has opened after three years of COVID lockdowns. It is open now for both in-country and overseas travel. This is extremely important for the continuation of what we do here. With just a visa and a negative test, you can come to China to help! We hope to hold a 'test' English summer camp in 2024, but a lot has to be worked out for that to happen. Please pray for the way to be opened for that.

We are traveling around to visit some of our key workers and past students to determine the health of the church and the workers. Meeting with our friends will be refreshing, and we are excited to make these connections again. We will assess the needs in order to reestablish training that will equip and encourage them for the work for which they have been called.

As many of you have heard, before COVID the church in China was under a lot of persecution: meetings were shutdown, pastors were arrested, and buildings were confiscated. Throughout COVID, the number of people allowed to meet together was greatly limited. This caused many churches to break into small groups or transition to online meetings. Now that things are open, many believers still have not returned to worship services in-person and would rather just be online. Believers should not forsake the assembling together as we see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25). Reigniting the spark of interest in meeting together for worship, prayer, and teaching is one of the biggest needs in China.

Keep looking up!

~D, OTAN China Ministry Manager

### Remembering Dan Dan

Dan Dan went home to be with the Lord on the 2nd of April. She was just 38 years old. It was a very sad day for all of us who have worked with this dear sister over the past 19 years. She was dedicated to helping the work of OTAN be successful. She will be missed by all who have been part of her network of friends and family. At the same time, she is now in the presence of the Lord and is no longer in the pain that she had gone through these past five months as her body was overtaken with cancer. She showed great faith to the end. A beautiful witness is now in glory.

Please pray for her family. She left two daughters, Jael and Jessie, who are ten and eight years old. They will be raised by their grandparents. A good education is not free in China. If you would like to help financially with the girls' education, some of Dan Dan's dear friends have established a fund that will be giving monthly support to the children so that they can continue their schooling. You can contribute to that fund by mailing a check with a memo "for Dan Dan's daughters" or by giving through the OTAN website and clicking "Add a Message" to note that your gift is for Dan Dan's daughters.

神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不至滅亡，反得永生。

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



## GETTING BACK TO NORMAL, SEEING GROWTH, AND PRAYING FOR PEOPLE TO RETURN

### Updates and prayer requests from our Chinese pastors

The first season of 2023 went by quickly and the time of COVID is gone too. Everything is slowly getting back to normal. We had online gatherings during COVID time, and everyone was doing fairly well when we were gathering physically. It is hard to know how they are doing when we are only online. For now, I will be serving online and in-person as well. Pray that people will return to the in-person meetings.

Another good thing is that we can finally go into the mountains to visit and spend time to pass the vision and burden to brothers and sisters, encouraging them to share the good news to the unreached people among the Zhuang people. We have believers in two of the sixteen different Zhuang people groups.

Thank you for lifting us in prayer and for helping. It's great to have you all walking on this path together.

~Pastor C.

Thanks to the Lord and thank you all for your support. This has been very encouraging to have you as partners in the gospel here in China. We are experiencing God's guiding. We have added a prayer meeting to our small group during the week. This is the first one in the church and has gone well so far.

Our church has added more branches since March 2023. Our plan is to cultivate, instruct, and extend. We are preparing two more small groups in two different places. One is in the process of preparation and the other one will start in September. Some of the family members of the host for the second have not accepted Him yet.

Pray for the host family that they will believe and be strengthened to become good stewards for Him. Pray for my wife and I, that we will have strength to serve. We feel tired and struggle sometimes. Pray that we will find suitable jobs that will give us the time to serve the church here. Pray for the older people, that they will know the truth and be willing to change. Pray for the coworkers that are willing to serve. Pray for my three kids.

~Pastor Y.



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## CONTACT OUTREACH TO ASIA NATIONALS

The pastors and church workers we partner with are grateful for your prayers and financial support. God is using your investment to further the gospel and strengthen the body of Christ around the world. If you have questions or want to know more about our outreach in China, we'd love to connect with you.



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